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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1 1. (Currently Amended) A hair styling vacuum device for use with
2 conventional curlers, the device comprising:

3 a vacuum assembly having a housing defining an interior ~~speee~~ space,
4 said vacuum assembly having a motor assembly, a vent portion, and a
5 ~~resevoir~~ reservoir member, said housing having a spout portion in
6 environmental communication with said ~~resevoir~~ reservoir member; and
7 a suction nozzle member ~~operatiinally~~ operationally coupleable to
8 said spout portion, said suction nozzle being positionable around a curler to
9 facilitate suction from said motor assembly being directed around the
10 curler; and

11 a handle member operationally coupled to said housing, said handle
12 member being adapted for being grasped by a human hand, said handle
13 member facilitating placement of said suction nozzle adjacent to a desired
14 curler.

2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said
2 handle member being coupled to a top portion of said housing, said handle
3 member being ~~substantially~~ substantially U-shaped.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 2, wherein said handle
2 member ~~further~~ further comprises a ~~plurality~~ plurality of finger grooves for
3 facilitating a secure grip around said handle member.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said housing
2 further comprises an access panel, said access panel facilitating user access

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3 to said ~~reservoir~~ reservoir member, said ~~reservoir~~ reservoir member being
4 removable from said housing to facilitate emptying said ~~reservoir~~ reservoir
5 member.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said housing
2 further comprises:

3 a drain portion environmentally coupled to said reservoir member, said
4 drain portion ~~extending~~ extending through a perimeter wall of said housing,
5 said drain portion facilitating emptying said reservoir member; and
6 a drain plug positionable in said drain portion, said drain plug
7 selectively closing said drain portion for facilitating maintaining suction for
8 removal of a ~~liquid~~ liquid from hair wrapped around a curler, said drain
9 plug being selectively removable from said drain portion to facilitate
10 emptying said reservoir member.

1 7. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a suction
2 control means, said suction control means facilitating control of an amount
3 of suction applied to said suction nozzle.

1 8. (Original) The device of claim 7, further comprising a suction
2 adjustment member positioned on an external portion of said housing, said
3 suction adjustment member being operationally coupled to said suction
4 control means, said suction adjustment member facilitating user adjustment
5 of said suction control means.

1 9. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said suction nozzle
2 having an arcuate portion facilitating concentration of suction around a
3 desired curler.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A hair styling vacuum device for use with
2 conventional curlers, the device comprising:

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3 a vacuum assembly having a housing defining an interior spec space,
4 said vacuum assembly having a motor assembly, a vent portion, a filter
5 member, and a ~~resevoir~~ reservoir member, said housing having a spout
6 portion in environmental communication with said ~~resevoir~~ reservoir
7 member;

8 a suction nozzle member operatioanlly operationally coupleable to
9 said spout portion, said suction nozzle being positionable around a curler to
10 facilitate suction from said motor assembly being directed around the curler
11 a handle member operationally coupled to said housing, said handle
12 member being adapted for being grasped by a human hand, said handle
13 member facilitating placement of said suction nozzle adjacent to a desired
14 curler;

15 wherein said handle member being coupled to a top portion of said
16 housing, said handle member being ~~substantia~~ substantially U-shaped;

17 wherein said handle member ~~furhter~~ further comprises a ~~plurality~~
18 plurality of finger grooves for facilitating a secure grip around said handle
19 member;

20 a suction control means, said suction control means facilitating
21 control of an amount of suction applied to said suction nozzle;

22 a suction adjustment member positioned on an external portion of said
23 housing, said suction adjustment member being operationally coupled to
24 said suction control means, said suction adjustment member facilitating user
25 adjustment of said suction control means;

26 wherein said suction nozzle having an arcuate portion facilitating
27 concentration of suction around a desired curler.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 10, wherein said housing
2 further comprises an access panel, said access panel facilitating user access
3 to said ~~resevoir~~ reservoir member, said ~~resevoir~~ reservoir member being
4 removable from said housing to facilitate emptying said ~~resevoir~~ reservoir
5 member.

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1 12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 10, wherein said housing
2 further comprises:

3 a drain portion environmentally coupled to said reservoir member, said
4 drain portion ~~extending~~ extending through a perimeter wall of said housing,
5 said drain portion facilitating emptying said reservoir member; and

6 a drain plug positionable in said drain portion, said drain plug
7 selectively closing said drain portion for facilitating maintaining suction for
8 removal of a ~~liquid~~ liquid from hair wrapped around a curler, said drain
9 plug being selectively removable from said drain portion to facilitate
10 emptying said reservoir member.

1 13. (New) A hair styling vacuum device for use with conventional
2 curlers, the device comprising:

3 a vacuum assembly having a housing defining an interior space, said
4 vacuum assembly having a motor assembly, a vent portion, and a reservoir
5 member, said housing having a spout portion in environmental
6 communication with said reservoir member; and

7 a suction nozzle member operationally coupleable to said spout
8 portion, said suction nozzle being positionable around a curler to facilitate
9 suction from said motor assembly being directed around the curler;

10 wherein said housing further comprises an access panel, said access
11 panel facilitating user access to said reservoir member, said reservoir
12 member being removable from said housing to facilitate emptying said
13 reservoir member.

1 14. (New) The device of claim 13 further comprising a handle
2 member operationally coupled to said housing for being grasped by a human
3 hand to facilitate placement of said suction nozzle adjacent to a desired
4 curler.

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1 15. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein said handle member is
2 coupled to a top portion of said housing, said handle member being
3 substantially U-shaped.

1 16. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein a plurality of finger
2 grooves are formed on said handle member for facilitating a secure grip on
3 said handle member.

1 17. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein said housing further
2 comprises:

3 a drain portion for emptying said reservoir member, said drain portion
4 being in fluid communication with said reservoir member, said drain portion
5 extending through a perimeter wall of said housing; and

6 a drain plug positionable in said drain portion, said drain plug being
7 selectively insertable into and removable from said drain portion for closing
8 said drain portion to maintain suction for removal of a liquid from hair
9 wrapped around a curler.

1 18. (New) The device of claim 13, further comprising a suction control
2 means for controlling of an amount of suction applied to said suction
3 nozzle.

1 19. (New) The device of claim 18, further comprising a suction
2 adjustment member positioned on an external portion of said housing, said
3 suction adjustment member being operationally coupled to said suction
4 control means, said suction adjustment member facilitating user adjustment
5 of said suction control means.

1 20. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said suction nozzle has an
2 arcuate portion facilitating concentration of suction around a desired curler.